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<b>For: ANTERIOR AND INFERIOR</b>	)	
<b>SEGMENT VENTRICULAR</b>	)	
<b>RESTORATION APPARATUS AND</b>	)	
<b>METHOD</b>	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the above-captioned application before examination of this case:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the title with --ANTERIOR AND INFERIOR SEGMENT VENTRICULAR RESTORATION APPARATUS AND METHOD--.

Please replace the paragraph after "Background of the Invention" with the following sub-heading and paragraph: